Frequently Asked Questions

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What is the FedVTE Live! program?

FedVTE Live! is a training program designed to build the cybersecurity skills of the federal IT workforce while fostering interagency collaboration. FedVTE Live! conducts a series of cybersecurity training events that focus on current cyber threats and strategies to defend systems from those threats. FedVTE Live! also provides supplemental cybersecurity training to federal IT professionals who are involved in network and systems protection.

Who manages the FedVTE Live! program?

The Department of Homeland Security's Office of Cybersecurity & Communications, Cybersecurity Education and Awareness (CE&A) branch manages the FedVTE Live! program.

What is the difference between FedVTE and the FedVTE Live! program?

FedVTE is an online, on-demand cybersecurity training system for government personnel. With recorded courses ranging from beginner to advanced levels, FedVTE exists to help the workforce maintain expertise and foster operational readiness. FedVTE Live! is a live offering of FedVTE, where students attend real time instructor-led courses and collaborate in teams with other students.

What are the benefits of the FedVTE Live! program?

FedVTE Live! helps train current government cybersecurity professionals. To ensure a secure cyberspace, we must develop a technologically skilled workforce and an effective pipeline of future employees. FedVTE Live! also allows for collaboration and network building amongst federal cybersecurity employees.

EVENTS

How often are FedVTE Live! training events scheduled?

FedVTE Live! training events are scheduled about once or twice a month. Events are offered in a one-day, eight-hour session or half-day, four hour sessions. The format consists of instructor-led

presentations in a virtual training classroom, small groups for student-led discussion, and hands-on lab exercises where students have an opportunity to practice with cybersecurity tools and to collaborate.

What are some of the training events offered?
Here are sample offerings for FedVTE Live! training events:
- • Windows Penetration Testing
- • Application Security for Developers
- • Secure Architecture and Design
- • Cyber Investigations, Forensics
- • Cloud Security
- • Information Assurance Compliance

Where can I find the schedule of FedVTE Live! training events?
The events are posted on the NICCS portal training calendar or check with your agency POC.

What is the virtual classroom?
FedVTE Live! utilizes a virtual world classroom called AvayaLive Engage. Students connect using a web browser over the Internet. All participants use an avatar to move about the virtual world. Students use a microphone and speakers to communicate with other members in the class. This accommodates students located throughout the country and removes the need for travel. Instructors and students talk to each other during hand-on lab exercises and ask questions during presentations. Students are immersed and engaged in the virtual world.

USERS

Who can take FedVTE Live! training?
FedVTE Live courses are offered at no cost to IT government personnel. Limited seats are available to state, local, tribal, and territorial governments. Each agency establishes a Point of Contact who interacts with the FedVTE Live! program.

What does the agency POC do?
The FedVTE Live! POC identifies the best applicants for each training opportunity, distributes the training announcements appropriately, and tracks participation if their agency requires that information for training credits/general reporting. The FedVTE Live! POC may also act as a liaison for the FedVTE Live! program and your agency if questions arise.

How does the registration process work?
Your agency POC will distribute the application to you for completion. The FedVTE Live! application procedures require approval from your FedVTE Live! POC and your supervisor. You forward your completed application to your POC and, if approved, your POC will submit the application to the FedVTE Live! program coordinator.

How do I find out who is my agency POC?
If you do not know your agency POC, please email FedVTELive@hq.dhs.gov.

If my agency does not have a POC, how do I nominate a POC for my agency?
Please send nominations for your agency POC to FedVTELive@hq.dhs.gov.

Who will approve my request for training if I do not have a POC?
If you do not have a POC, your supervisor can approve your request for training.

How long is the wait time for enrollment?
Enrollment time from the day the announcement is sent to the POC is typically 3 weeks.

Can the general public register and participate in a training event?
No, these training events are not available to the general public.

What is the FedVTE Live! Interest List, and how do I get added?
The FedVTE Live! Interest list is an email list of people who are interested in receiving information and advertisements of our training events. Those on the list will receive event announcements and application forms about one month prior to each event. The course description, course outline, system requirements, and application instructions are included on these documents. Those on the interest list still need to submit applications to their POC.

Can I be on the FedVTE Live! Interest List even if I have an agency POC?
Yes, you can. Your POC will also receive the event advertisements, however, you will also receive direct notification. You will still need to go through your POC to submit an application.

If I have more questions, who should I ask?
If you have any more questions you can ask your agency POC, or you can contact us at FedVTELive@hq.dhs.gov.